

Communication from Public

Name: Samuel Jason

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 09:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: As a resident of Pacific Palisades for almost 40 years, I strongly urge the City Council to approve the waiver of permit fees for those rebuilding in the Palisades. I lost my home of 40 years in the fire. I have paid property taxes, city taxes, state and federal taxes for all those years. The city needs a rebuild Pacific Palisades to support their need for taxes in the future, and empty lots will not assist in the payment of taxes. The City of Los Angeles, the Los Angeles Fire Department, Los Angeles Parks and Recreation, the Department of Water and Power (DWP) failed the residents of Pacific Pacific Palisades on January 7, 2025 and did not protect us. They failed in their duty to protect us. To force us to pay for permits will be to add further insult to the injury we sustained. DO THE RIGHT THING AND REMOVE IMPEDIMENTS FROM OUR ABILITY TO REBUILT THE PALISADES Samuel Jason

Communication from Public

Name: Palisades homeowner

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 09:28 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We are senior homeowners who need our retirement funds for future living expenses not for rebuilding. We have to borrow 1/3 of the rebuild cost already without knowing permit fees. Please waive plan & permit fees for ALL homes being rebuilt including condos, townhomes, mobile homes, small apartment buildings, & houses. Thank you for your consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Jennifer kanaar

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 09:50 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am an elderly person, my house was burned from the Jan 7th. My insurance only paid me less than 69% of the total rebuild cost, I think the City should help the fire survivors to rebuild our houses and eliminate the permit fees. Plse help and thank you.
Jennifer

Communication from Public

Name: Larry Gilman

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 11:06 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I support the continuing waver of fees to allow Pacific Palisades, Alta Dena be able to rebuild. They have already gone through so much trauma, please don't add to it. Be a council that is friendly and caring to it's neighbors and life blood of the community. Be generous with your waiver of fees. They already are telling you they want to rebuild and be a part of the community that they care about. Even if they sell, so what. Think long term of a bustling and thriving businesses and families.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 09:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Here is the comment I made, change yours accordingly: Subject: STRONG SUPPORT – Waiver of Permit Fees for Pacific Palisades Fire Rebuilds (CF 25-0006-S57) Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, I strongly urge you to approve the full waiver of all City permit fees, plan-check fees, and related charges for property owners rebuilding homes lost in the Palisades Fire. For the vast majority of Pacific Palisades residents, insurance payouts fall far short of today’s actual rebuilding costs. Many families are already facing gaps of hundreds of thousands of dollars—or more—before they even begin the permitting process. Adding tens of thousands in City fees on top of that financial burden will only delay or prevent people from rebuilding their lives in the community they love. Waiving these fees is one of the most direct and immediate ways the City of Los Angeles can help Pacific Palisades recover quickly, keep families in their neighborhood, preserve our tax base, and restore the community’s character and vitality. Other cities in California have granted similar fee waivers after major wildfires with great success, and Los Angeles should do the same. Please vote YES on the permit-fee waiver motion (CF 25-0006-S57) and give Palisades fire victims the relief they desperately need to rebuild without unnecessary financial obstacles. Thank you for your leadership and compassion during this difficult time. Respectfully,

Communication from Public

Name: Barbara Jesuele
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 08:10 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I have lived in the Pacific Palisades for 21 years, where we raised our three children. We lost our home in the Palisades Fires and, like so many of our neighbors, we are now trying to rebuild while underinsured and financially stretched beyond anything we imagined. The trauma, the exhaustion, and the burden on this community are immense. In light of this, the City's response has felt painfully inadequate. If you truly stand with the residents who have lost everything, the least you can do is waive all building and permitting fees for fire victims so that we can begin reclaiming our lives and our town. We ask not for special treatment, only for support in the face of devastation. Help us rebuild. Help us come home.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 06:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We lost our home and all of our family's possessions in the Palisades Fire. Please waive all fees associated with rebuilding of our homes.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 06:59 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We fully support waiving permit fees for Plaisades residents trying to rebuild. Most of us are underinsured and having many difficulties with rebuilding. This would help us accelerate the process.

Communication from Public

Name: David Haynie

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 07:02 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Rebuild Permit Fee Waivers are the correct way to handle all permits required for the rebuilding OR restoration of all buildings damaged by fires. Whether or not you think the public has the funds to cover such permitting fees, there needs to be a consistent show of compassion to all who have lost. It isn't about the money per se, it's about the understanding that we've been through, and all still going through, a horrific time in our lives. This simple, and correct, way to show you understand what we are going through is a step to show us your consideration. Thank you

Communication from Public

Name: Peggy Shapiro

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 07:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to waive fees for all who rebuild in Pacific Palisades.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 07:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Fees for permitting and plan check in the Palisades should 100% be waived for those rebuilding. The city should not be making fees on homes they let burn down because of their incompetence in protecting their citizens. This should not even be up for discussion. This is just a small token to make up for the lack of protection the city provided. It should be doing so much more.

Communication from Public

Name: Stuart S

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 03:42 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I support the rebuilt permit fee waiver in the Palisades. Fees should not be required for these involuntary situations, especially because most folk were underinsured.

Communication from Public

Name: Kris W.

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 03:43 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: 11/29/25 My boyfriend and I are fire victims of the 1/7/25 Palisades fire. We lost everything. We have opted to rebuild on our burnt-out lot a slightly bigger house that exceeds the "like for like +10%" stipulation as our 1952 house was functionally obsolete. We are shocked and scared by the incredible costs involved. Literally it is daunting and depressing when every week some new piece of information pops up regarding rebuilding that involves more and more HUGE money outlays. Whether it is the egregious costs of homeowner's insurance or re-establishing gas lines (that the gas company unilaterally cut and capped after the fire), vendor fees for surveys, engineering, etc., everyone has got their hand out for a check. While we both currently work, we are quickly approaching retirement, and the money flow will siphon off. Tapping into our savings and retirement funds to rebuild our home is not what we had in mind for our future. We do not understand with all the news and discoveries that are coming to light now regarding the MASSIVE mishandling of the mop up of the 1/1/25 NYE fire and all the adjunct mistakes, how the city of Los Angeles can NOT make the official humane decision to waive permit fees for ***ALL*** fire rebuilds (whether like for like or bigger). It is quite obvious it is in the City's best interest to have as many fire victims rebuild as possible to re-establish a spending and the taxation base. We did not ask for our houses to burn down. We assumed (incorrectly) that all of our tax dollars were being put to prudent use and would fund water sources and fire fighting resources. We are victims of an arsonist and absolute mishandling of so many entities. So how in good conscience can the city keep delaying declaration of no permit fees for ALL rebuilds (whether like for like +10% or bigger)????????? Estimated \$50,000 - 80,000 for permit fees is a massive amount of money to add to all the other huge rebuild costs. To cite that the loss of fees would be significant to the city and that those fees pay salaries Department of Building and Safety (DBS) staff is not only penny-wise pound foolish it is inhumane! Does the City not want thousands of residents to return and become legitimate taxpayers and revenue generators in Pacific Palisades or do you want 90272 to look like the deserted and ugly wasteland that is has become with no revenue base???? If you were in our shoes, I am absolutely positive you would be asking for permit waivers as

well. There is no way in good conscience you cannot say you'd willingly want pay permit fees if you personally had experienced the same loss. Please do the humane thing and declare no permit fees for ALL residents who are rebuilding, whether like for like or bigger. Please give us at least one ray of light and help in this continued disorganized and costly mess that we are struggling with each and every day! It has been almost 1 year since the fires and every day is a struggle emotionally, financially, and effort-wise. The devastation has not been only physical and financial, but the also mental and emotional. We all feel like no one cares about us and that we will all end up "out of sight, out of mind" and become forgotten ghosts of a tragedy past. With all due respect, I hope you all think hard and deep about this and realize on all levels, waiving permit fees is the right thing to do. Sincerely, Kris W.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 03:45 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: To to City Council: I lost my home to the Pacific Palisades wildfire. Like most homeowners, our insurance proceeds will not cover the cost for rebuilding our home. We recently just moved in after doing a gut rehabilitation to the entire house. We paid substantial City of LA fees for our building permit and improvements which were all destroyed along with all our personal property much of which money cannot replace. We request that the City of LA waive all fees associated with the construction of all homes that were lost in the Altadena and Palisades wildfires so that the fee waiver savings can be used to rebuild our homes. In particular, newer homes should not have to pay fees again after paying the same fees not to long ago in the past. Payment of an additional fee is equivalent to a double tax for an event that should never have happened and the owners of destroyed homes should not be burdened with an unfair fee tax as such fees should be permanently be waived so that the Palisades can quickly get rebuilt. The sooner the tax base is reestablished to the benefit of the City of Los Angeles the sooner the City of LA will start collecting higher real estate taxes. Additional real estate taxes will more than offset any lost fee revenue waived for getting a building permit. Please waive the fees and thank you for your understanding and compassion for the victims of this tragic event.

Communication from Public

Name: Claudio & Kathleen Boltiansky

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 03:54 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: STRONG SUPPORT – Waiver of Permit Fees for Pacific Palisades Fire Rebuilds (CF 25-0006-S57) Honorable Members of the Los Angeles City Council, We strongly urge you to approve the full waiver of all City permit fees, plan-check fees, and related charges for property owners rebuilding homes lost in the Pacific Palisades Fire disaster. For us, as well as the vast majority of Pacific Palisades residents, insurance payouts fall far short of today’s actual rebuilding costs. Countless others, mostly senior citizens who have lived in the Palisades for decades, were not even insured. Many families like us are already facing gaps of hundreds of thousands of dollars—or more—before they even begin the permitting process and adding the hefty cost required to comply with the new building codes. Adding tens of thousands in City fees on top of that massive financial burden will only delay or prevent people from rebuilding their lives in the community they love. Waiving these fees is one of the most direct and immediate ways the City of Los Angeles can help Pacific Palisades and its residents recover quickly, keep families in their neighborhood, preserve our tax base, and restore the community’s character and vitality. Other cities in California have granted similar fee waivers after major wildfires with great success, and Los Angeles should do the same, it’s simply the honorable thing to do. Please vote YES on the permit-fee waiver motion (CF 25-0006-S57) and give Palisades fire victims the relief they desperately need to rebuild without unnecessary financial obstacles. Thank you for your leadership and compassion during this difficult time. Respectfully, Claudio & Kathleen Boltiansky
Palisades Fire survivors

Communication from Public

Name: Maria Boechat

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council members, My husband, Vicente Gilsanz, and I raised our family in Pacific Palisades, at 15231-15237 Via de las Olas. We lived there since 1984 until our homes were destroyed by the Palisades fire. We are in the process of rebuilding our lives and our home and would be very grateful if the city would waive the building permits. As is the case with many other families, we were underinsured and the expenses are adding up, specifically for people like us, seniors living on a fixed income. Your support is greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you, Maria Boechat and Vicente Gilsanz

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:27 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I am writing as a Palisades resident who lost our home in the January 7th Palisades Fire. I'm in strong support for a full waiver of all plancheck and permit fees for rebuilds and repairs. I'm urging the CAO to complete the required feasibility study at the earliest opportunity and to conclude that a full waiver of fees is required, as occurred in the wake of the Northridge Earthquake. I'm further requesting that the City Council approve a full waiver of fees as soon as possible. Alternatively, I'm requesting that to the extent feasible, Mayor Bass issue an immediate executive order directing that all such fees be waived. Thank you for your consideration on this important matter. Let's get Palisadians home as soon as possible and not let the cost of permitting fees be the barrier to re-entry.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:29 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive plan & permit fees for ALL homes being rebuilt including condos, townhomes, mobile homes, small apartment buildings, & houses disqualified for technicalities.

Communication from Public

Name: Susan Pignotti

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:30 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please vote to waive permit fees for those of us trying to rebuild our homes that burned in 1/7/25 fire. Insurance does not begin to cover the rebuild at today's prices and we cannot afford these fees even while not hoping to have the home we had before. Please help us to rebuild our community by waiving permit fees.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:39 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: I lost everything in the Palisades Fire. I love the area and want to rebuild. However, building and furnishing costs are so high now that many of us are underinsured. Please waive all building permit fees for those of us who lost everything and would like to rebuild. This action will make the difference in my ability to rebuild. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name: Charlie Bisharat
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 04:42 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Hello - This has been a difficult and trying time since the wildfires. Those of us who suffered a total loss are struggling to recover. We are inundated with tasks, spend hours weekly on phone and Zoom calls and juggle insurance adjusters, legal advisors, accounting professionals, architects, expeditors and more. Mind you, this is in addition to ongoing work duties and family obligations. We did not ask to rebuild our homes - we have been thrust into this new reality without a choice. We urge you to grant us a lifeline and waive permit fees to rebuild. We are praying to return home and this gesture would alleviate some of the uncertainty and financial burden we face. Thank you in advance for your kind consideration.

Communication from Public

Name: Michael L Perricone

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 05:10 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: We have been struggling with our insurance to get enough to rebuild our house. Permanently waiving the permit fees will help close the gap on the shortfall so we can rebuild our home

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 05:14 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Speaking on behalf of my family and neighbors, we're asking the city council to follow through on Karen Bass' promise to waive Palisades rebuild permit fees. We survivors have enough financial hardship to deal with already, from battling the insurance companies to pay out the policy money we're rightfully owed, to price hikes on raw materials for rebuilding. It's a true crime that Palisadians are in this terrible position, especially with how much we have all paid in taxes every year. The city should support our community at this critical time by waiving these permit fees. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 05:34 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Please waive permit fees for rebuilding homes lost in the Jan. 7th fires.

Communication from Public

Name: Danielle

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 05:37 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My family lost our home in the alphabet streets in the Palisades fire. Like many of our neighbors we were dropped by State Farm and were insured by the California FAIR plan. As I'm sure you have heard from countless residents, even the maximum coverages available for purchase left us severely underinsured. Our out of pocket expenses are hundreds of thousands of dollars. We are desperate to return to our home, our community and some sense of normalcy. Paying the permit fees to rebuild a home lost in the fire is both financially difficult and emotionally challenging. We implore you to consider the tremendous physical, emotional and financial hardships we have endured and waive the permit fees for ALL homes being rebuilt. We want to come home and you are in a unique position to help us clear the path to do so. Please consider the families behind these losses and help us come home. The Smeeton Family Colin, Danielle, Sophie (18), Olivia (15) and Ruby (13)

Communication from Public

Name: Broohecullen@g.ucla.edu

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 11:02 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: It is important to know council that the modest home we lost was generational and the majority of us living here are not super wealthy. This was a natural disaster and we have limited insurance and should not have expensive for fees when the loss was no fault of our own

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Nilsen Lombari
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 10:00 AM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Please waive permit fees for all of us who lost our homes in the Palisades and Eaton fires. This will greatly impact whether residents will be able to rebuild or not. It is unjust that the city would gain a windfall from our tragedy.

Communication from Public

Name: Allison Holdorff Polhill on Behalf of Many within the Palisades Community

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 11:58 AM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: To: Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, City Council President; Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Adrin Nazarian, Bob Blumenfeld, Nithya Raman, Katy Yaroslavsky, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, Curren D. Price, Jr., Heather Hutt, Traci Park, John S. Lee, Hugo Soto-Martinez, Ysabel Jurado and Tim McOsker, City Councilmembers, We are deeply grateful for your service which is a huge and, at times, a thankless task. While the Palisades Fire may not have happened in your own district, we know that disasters don't respect boundaries — the next fire, flood, or earthquake could impact any one of our communities. What we do now sets the tone for how Los Angeles stands by its residents when the unimaginable happens. We are writing from our hearts to ask you to vote to waive building plan check and permit fees for fire survivors , following the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation, and to amend it to include condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings . We are writing on behalf of thousands of Palisades Fire survivors. For many of us, this is not just about rebuilding homes — it's about rebuilding lives, neighborhoods, and the very fabric of our community. 1. We lost everything. The fire didn't just take structures — it took homes, memories, and our sense of security. Every survivor we've spoken with is still trying to put the pieces back together. 2. Most fire survivors are underinsured. Insurance rarely covers the full cost of rebuilding, and many families are facing staggering shortfalls. Every dollar counts. Waiving permit fees would make a real, immediate difference for families trying to come home. 3. The City is already benefitting financially. We project that 30% of fire survivors will have no choice but to sell their lots at a loss. These sales, along with the new construction that follows, generate higher property taxes and development fees. The City is not losing money — it's gaining revenue because so many survivors cannot afford to rebuild. In addition, fire survivors are still paying for mortgages and property taxes on their empty land. Fire survivors are still contributing to the City Fund along with paying for rent to live somewhere else plus sales tax for all the replacement items and building supplies they are purchasing. 4. The City's budget assumptions are simply wrong; in fact, the City

will profit. The idea that every homeowner would rebuild at 150% of their previous square footage, losing the City \$250 million in income, is completely unrealistic. These numbers misrepresent the real, human scale of what's happening. At a minimum, 30% of fire survivors are selling their lots. The builds on these lots represent an unexpected profit to the City. Revenues from non-eligible builds will actually be far higher than those from eligible builds - so revenue will be cash positive. The assumption is that only 25% of plan and permit revenues goes to actual administrative cost. (this is taken from the LADBS refund statement that 20% is required to cover clerical and administrative, so we add a further 5% for physical inspections).

5. Condos, Townhomes, Mobile Homes, and Small, Owner-occupied Apartment Buildings must be included in the ordinance. Many of these properties represent the few sources of affordable housing in our community. We estimate that 9 of the 16 condo/townhome buildings and 8 small, owner-occupied apartment buildings will rebuild as eligible projects. Our projections indicate that this would be less than \$1.2M of plan and permit revenue, and just an estimated \$300,000 of costs. If these properties cannot be rebuilt, we lose not just homes but affordability and diversity. Further, the burden will be to all homeowners in the impacted HOAs since loss assessments are levied to all homeowners, not just the owners of destroyed units. Rebuilding these structures is critical to keeping families, seniors, and working people in Los Angeles. Our City faces an affordable housing crisis, supporting every resident who wants to rebuild should be a moral and civic priority.

6. Our vulnerable elderly population is harmed. 27% of our community are over 62 falling into the category of house rich cash poor. We lost our biggest asset: our home.

7. Do not exclude fire victims regardless of square footage for single family homes. Please vote to waive building permit fees for fire survivors — and ensure that condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings are included with single family homes.

With gratitude, Reza Akef, Beverley Auerbach, Martin Curland, Darragh Danton, Claude Erb, Susie Fitzgerald, Ross Greenberg, Daphne Gronich, Allison Holdorff Polhill, Sara Houghton, Tony Hocking, Kambiz Kamdar, Sue Kohl, Roseanne Landay, Karina Maher, Robin Meyers, Vienna Nowell, Mark Smith, Chris Spitz, Jill Smith, May Sung, Hank Wright, Matt Yoder, and Maryam Zar

To: Hon. Karen Bass, Mayor; Hon. Marqueece Harris-Dawson, City Council President; Hon. Eunisses Hernandez, Adrin Nazarian, Bob Blumenfeld, Nithya Raman, Katy Yaroslavsky, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, Curren D. Price, Jr., Heather Hutt, Traci Park, John S. Lee, Hugo Soto-Martinez, Ysabel Jurado and Tim McOsker, City Councilmembers,

We are deeply grateful for your service which is a huge and, at times, a thankless task. While the Palisades Fire may not have happened in your own district, we know that disasters don't respect boundaries — the next fire, flood, or earthquake could impact any one of our communities. What we do now sets the tone for how Los Angeles stands by its residents when the unimaginable happens.

We are writing from our hearts to ask you to **vote to waive building plan check and permit fees for fire survivors**, following the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendation, **and to amend it to include condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings**. We are writing on behalf of thousands of Palisades Fire survivors. For many of us, this is not just about rebuilding homes — it's about rebuilding lives, neighborhoods, and the very fabric of our community.

1. We lost everything.

The fire didn't just take structures — it took homes, memories, and our sense of security. Every survivor we've spoken with is still trying to put the pieces back together.

2. Most fire survivors are underinsured.

Insurance rarely covers the full cost of rebuilding, and many families are facing staggering shortfalls. Every dollar counts. Waiving permit fees would make a real, immediate difference for families trying to come home.

3. The City is already benefitting financially.

We project that 30% of fire survivors will have no choice but to sell their lots at a loss. These sales, along with the new construction that follows, generate higher property taxes and development fees. The City is not losing money — it's gaining revenue because so many survivors cannot afford to rebuild. In addition, fire survivors are still paying for mortgages and property taxes on their empty land. Fire survivors are still contributing to the City Fund along with paying for rent to live somewhere else plus sales tax for all the replacement items and building supplies they are purchasing.

4. The City's budget assumptions are simply wrong; in fact, the City will profit.

The idea that every homeowner would rebuild at 150% of their previous square footage, losing the City \$250 million in income, is completely unrealistic. These numbers misrepresent the real, human scale of what's happening. At a minimum, 30% of fire survivors are selling their lots. The builds on these lots represent an unexpected profit to the City.

Revenues from non-eligible builds will actually be far higher than those from eligible builds - so revenue will be cash positive. The assumption is that only 25% of plan and permit revenues goes to actual administrative cost. (this is taken from the LADBS refund statement that 20% is required to cover clerical and administrative, so we add a further 5% for physical inspections).

5. Condos, Townhomes, Mobile Homes, and Small, Owner-occupied Apartment Buildings must be included in the ordinance.

Many of these properties represent the few sources of **affordable housing** in our community. We estimate that 9 of the 16 condo/townhome buildings and 8 small, owner-occupied apartment buildings will rebuild as eligible projects. Our projections indicate that this would be less than \$1.2M of plan and permit revenue, and just an estimated \$300,000 of costs. If these properties cannot be rebuilt, we lose not just homes but affordability and diversity. Further, the burden will be to all homeowners in the impacted HOAs since loss assessments are levied to all homeowners, not just the owners of destroyed units. Rebuilding these structures is critical to keeping families, seniors, and working people in Los Angeles. **At a time when our City faces an affordable housing crisis, supporting every resident who wants to rebuild should be a moral and civic priority.**

6. Our vulnerable elderly population is harmed. 27% of our community are over 62 falling into the category of house rich cash poor. We lost our biggest asset: our home.

7. The City has acknowledged room for improvement.

The rebuilding process has been painfully slow and filled with red tape. This waiver is one of the simplest, most meaningful actions the City can take to show it stands with survivors.

8. Developers shouldn't be the ones to benefit.

When the City refuses to waive fees, the only people hurt are the residents who already lost everything. The developers, buying lots from underinsured homeowners, will gain.

9. Do not exclude fire victims regardless. For single-family residence rebuilds by original owners of homes destroyed in the fire, please waive fees on at least a pro rata basis, bringing them to parity with eligible rebuilds (comparable size, type, use). Many rebuilds are deemed "ineligible" due to technicalities — for example, numerous circa-1920s single-story homes with three-foot setbacks are being reconstructed as two-story homes with the same total square footage to allow for larger, more fire-resilient setbacks.

We want to ensure we can count on you to vote to waive building permit fees for fire survivors — and ensure that **condominiums, townhomes, mobile homes, and small, owner-occupied apartment buildings are included** in that relief along with single family homes. It's the right thing, the ethical thing to do, and it's the least our City can do for those who have already lost so much. We would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the possibility of waiving permit fees. Please inform us of your availability at your earliest convenience.

With gratitude,

Reza Akef	Beverley Auerbach	Martin Curland	Darragh Danton
Claude Erb	Susie Fitzgerald	Ross Greenberg	Daphne Gronich
Allison Holdorff Polhill	Sara Houghton	Tony Hocking	Kambiz Kamdar
Sue Kohl	Roseanne Landay	Karina Maher	Robin Meyers
Vienna Nowell	Mark Smith	Chris Spitz	Jill Smith
May Sung	Hank Wright	Matt Yoder	Maryam Zar

Communication from Public

Name: Teresa Seeman

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 12:03 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: please vote to waive permit fees for rebuilding of condominiums in pacific palisades as has already been done for single family homes. all prior residents of palisades should be treated equally with respect to the conditions associated with efforts to rebuild

Communication from Public

Name: MAY SUNG

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 12:16 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Subject: URGENT VOTE REQUIRED – Waiving ALL Plan Check and Permit Fees for ELIGIBLE Fire Rebuild Projects Based on Original Ownership, Not Square Footage Dear Council President and Honorable Council Members, I am writing to you today not only as a resident who lost everything in the preventable January 7, 2025, fire, but as an architect who has navigated the confusing and cumbersome rebuild process. My purpose is simple: to urge you to vote immediately to waive all plan check and permit fees for all ELIGIBLE rebuild projects, based on the Building and Safety interpretation of Mayor’s Executive Order #1, and determined by original ownership, not square footage. The Personal Cost and the Policy Failure Twenty years ago, my late husband and I bought the cheapest home in the Palisades so our children could access its public schools. I lost my husband to cancer soon after, and as a single mother, I worked tirelessly to build a nest egg with two homes. That dream—my retirement, my financial security, and the ability to host holiday dinners—was literally burned to the ground on January 7th. I am underinsured by at least \$4 million dollars for both properties. We’ve been diligent tax payers in Los Angeles for over 30 years. Though our homes are gone, we are still required to pay property taxes and mortgages. While my family and I can still work for another decade to rebuild, my story is not the worst. We are currently displaced in a small North Hollywood rental, having lost not just our financial footing, but all of our memories, community, and, frankly, faith in our government. This conflagration was man-made and preventable, a consequence of governmental policy and subsequent human errors. The fire could have been stopped on the first day, but due to a lack of fire suppression and water, it burned for three. We are asking the City to acknowledge this responsibility and extend a tangible helping hand. The Problem with Current Rebuild Assumptions We were previously told that ELIGIBLE projects, per the EO#1 Implementation, would be exempt from fees. We rely on this promise to move forward. The recent CAO report's budget assumption that 150% of the original square footage is needed for rebuild is erroneous and detached from reality. Not everyone can afford to return, and approximately 30% of fire survivors are already selling their lots. Building permit issuance is down 25% since October,

demonstrating a widespread inability to proceed. Most of the permits issued so far are to developers, not previous homeowners—the first Certificate of Occupancy on 915 N. Kagawa St. is a clear example of a developer-built luxury home.

Protecting Our Most Vulnerable We are losing our most vulnerable population. Twenty-seven percent of our community is over 62 and cash poor, having lost their biggest asset: their home. Many of these residents lived in condos, small apartment buildings, and mom-and-pop owned homes. They must be included in any fee waiver program. If we allow the current financial barriers to persist, we are enabling developers to take over these properties, exacerbating the affordable housing crisis by replacing modest residences with luxury estates. Not helping the original homeowners get home is a direct action that worsens this city-wide problem.

Our Demand and Call to Action We urge the City to vote to adopt a policy that recognizes the unique nature of this disaster and the urgency of our community's need: **Waive ALL Plan Check and Permit Fees for all ELIGIBLE rebuild projects. Define ELIGIBLE projects based on the Building and Safety 110% footprint interpretation of Mayor's Executive Order #1, using original ownership status as the primary criterion, regardless of the final square footage of the rebuild.** What you do here is historic. It will affect all of Los Angeles and other major metropolises facing climate and infrastructure challenges in the future. All eyes are on LA right now. Please do the right thing and help us return home. We are the City of Angels; it is time for the City to act like one. Sincerely,
May Sung, Palisades Fire Survivor and Concerned Citizen

Communication from Public

Name: Millard Lee

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 12:24 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, We are homeowners who lost our home at 505 Bienvenida Avenue in the Palisades fire. Our house, everything we owned, and all of our family memories are gone. What we have now is simply a burned, empty lot. Like many others, we did not receive enough money from insurance to cover the full cost of rebuilding. We are already struggling just to figure out how we can ever return home. The additional cost of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, we may simply not be able to rebuild at all. We strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including: • Condos • Townhomes • Mobile homes • Small apartment buildings • Houses that might otherwise be disqualified on technicalities Everyone who lost their home in this fire deserves the same opportunity to rebuild, regardless of the type of structure or minor paperwork issues. We are asking you to help us and our neighbors come home. Please vote YES to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your service to our community. Sincerely, Millard A. Lee Former homeowners at 505 Bienvenida Avenue, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Phone: 323-804-8080 Email: millard@millardlee.com

Communication from Public

Name: Saumya Gupta

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 12:58 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President and Members of the City Council, As a homeowner whose house on Sunset Boulevard in Pacific Palisades was destroyed in the January 2025 wildfires, I am writing on behalf of my family and many of my similarly affected neighbors, this note is to respectfully urge your support for a full waiver of all plan check and permit fees associated with our wildfire rebuilds. Waiving these fees will directly determine whether many families in the fire zones can realistically rebuild and remain in their community, rather than being permanently displaced by disaster-related costs and underinsurance.? My wife and I had scraped together every penny we could to buy a modest fixer?upper in the Palisades in October 2024, finally closing on what we hoped would be our long?term home after years of saving. We moved in that November, and just as the repairs were nearly complete and our furniture had finally arrived, we received the evacuation order and returned the next day to find our home on fire and our belongings destroyed. We are deeply grateful that we were able to save our pets, but we lost essentially everything else and are now trying to rebuild while carrying a large mortgage that we had expected to afford more comfortably. Today, instead of a single home, we are paying both our original mortgage and new rent for temporary housing. The permit and plan?check fees for our rebuild are material for us at this moment; what may appear as a relatively small line item in a city budget represents months of carrying costs, insurance gaps, and basic living expenses for a young family trying to stay rooted in Los Angeles after losing our home.? The Mayor's Emergency Executive Order suspending collection of certain rebuilding fees for Palisades fire survivors was a critical lifeline for families like ours and explicitly anticipates Council adoption of a permanent fee?waiver ordinance. Converting this temporary suspension into a durable, retroactive waiver for all qualified wildfire rebuilds, consistent with the County's actions to provide permit?fee relief and broader housing assistance, will directly support households that are trying to return, rebuild safely, and remain part of the city's social and economic fabric.? Thank you for anything you can do to help our family and our neighbors through this difficult time, and for voting to adopt a full, retroactive waiver of plan check and permit fees for Palisades fire survivors so that rebuilding our homes and

lives becomes a little more within reach. Best, Saumya Gupta

Communication from Public

Name: Jim Conlon

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My wife, son and I resided at 1130 Galloway Street in Pacific Palisades. We lost our home and all of our possessions as a result of the January 7th fire. We intend to rebuild our home and community but are uncertain we will be able to so due to our insurance coverage. Any decrease below regular DBS permit fees has been described as 'lost revenue' to the City. This description is a deception. Doing this creates a windfall for the City by taking advantage of Palisades homeowners who are rebuilding, and that windfall opportunity would not exist if the City had prevented the Palisades fire. It adds a costly insult to an injury that the City helped create. The cost to the City to issue building permits to Palisades homeowners is the DBS out of pocket expense needed to process the permits beyond their normal operating budget. If no staff is added there would be no incremental cost, although this is not practical because issuing the needed permits could continue for years. The actual cost is the addition of DBS staff, office space, etc to process the larger permit workload. The actual cost burden can be covered by external funding (ask Steadfast LA how to do this), the city's general fund (all C of LA residents contribute as Palisades residents have for other City priorities), or you insist on extracting rebuild funds from Palisades residents, charge a reduced price to Palisades homeowners that would not exceed the incremental staffing cost (certainly a fraction of normal permit fees). Developers should not be exempt from building permit fees. Palisades homeowners should not be responsible for fixing the City's budget deficit. These are separate issues that should not overlap the basic need to rebuild our homes and community.

Communication from Public

Name: Jill Smith

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:07 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My husband and I lived in our Palisades home for 21 years before it burned to the ground. We are both retired and living on a fixed income. Our insurance company is very slow and is trying their best to pay us as LITTLE as possible. Waiving the permit fees would be a great help to us in reducing the cost of our rebuild.

Communication from Public

Name: Julia Chang

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:18 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Office of the City Clerk Los Angeles City Council Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers, I am a homeowner who lost my home at 680 Bienvenida Avenue in the Palisades fire. Our house, everything I owned, and all our family memories are gone. What I have now is simply a burned, empty lot. Like many others, I did not receive enough money from insurance to cover the full cost of rebuilding. I am already struggling just to figure out how I can ever return home. The additional cost of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, I may simply not be able to rebuild at all. I strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and I urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including: • Condos • Townhomes • Mobile homes • Small apartment buildings • Houses that might otherwise be disqualified on technicalities Everyone who lost their home in this fire deserves the same opportunity to rebuild, regardless of the type of structure or minor paperwork issues. I am asking you to help us and our neighbors come home. Please vote YES to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims. Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your service to our community. Sincerely, Julia Chang Phone: 310-995-7882 Email: Juliaogita@gmail.com

Office of the City Clerk
Los Angeles City Council

Re: Support for Waiving Plan & Permit Fees for Palisades Fire Victims

Dear Council President and Honorable Councilmembers,

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I strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and I urgently ask you to approve it.

Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including:

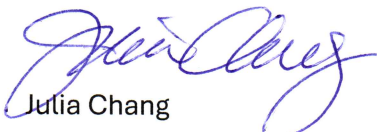
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Please vote YES to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims.

Thank you for your time, your compassion, and your service to our community.

Sincerely,



Julia Chang

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Email: Juliaogita@gmail.com

Communication from Public

Name: Michael Heilemann
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:22 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: Waive all building and permit fees for all Palisades Fire victims

Communication from Public

Name: Patrice Dobrowitsky

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:49 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: If you want the taxes from the Palisades you should help us, not hinder us to rebuild. Waive the very expensive permit fees. After all, the incompetence of the LAFD., the DWP, and the Mayor's office, as well as the state, burned down our town. Do something.

Communication from Public

Name: Rebecca Lobl

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 01:51 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: CD1 - 213 473 7001 Councilmember Eunisses Hernandez - councilmember.hernandez@lacity.org Adrian C. Salcedo - Adrian.C.Salcedo@lacity.org Ashley Reyes - Ashley.Reyes@lacity.org Lyric.Kelkar@lacity.org CD2 - 818 755 7676 Councilmember Adrin Nazarian - councilmember.nazarian@lacity.org Tiffany Farrar - Tiffany.Farrar@lacity.org Lilly Sarafian - Lilly.Sarafian@lacity.org CD3 - 818 774 4330 Councilmember Bob Blumenfield - councilmember.blumenfield@lacity.org Seme Park - Seme.Park@lacity.org CD4 - 213 473 7004 Councilmember Nithya Raman – contacted4@lacity.org CD5 - 323 866 1828 Councilmember Katy Yaroslavsky - councilmember.yaroslavsky@lacity.org Haley Martinez - haley.martinez@lacity.org Andrew DeBlock - andrew.deblock@lacity.org CD6 - 818 778 4999 Councilmember Imeda Padilla - councilmember.padilla@lacity.org Sean Pilz - sean.pilz@lacity.org CD7 - 213 473 7007 Councilmember Monica Rodriguez - councilmember.rodriguez@lacity.org Kristina Flores - kristina.flores@lacity.org CD8 - 213 485 7616 Councilmember Marqueece Harris-Dawson - councilmember.harris-dawson@lacity.org Rachel Vrashier - rachel.vrashier@lacity.org CD9 - 323 846 2651 Councilmember Curren D. Price - curren.price@lacity.org Jenna Karic - jenna.karic@lacity.org CD10 - 323 276 4917 cd10constituentservices@lacity.org Councilmember Heather Hutt - councilmember.hutt@lacity.org Emily Adsit - emilyadsit@lacity.org CD11 - 310 575 8461 Councilmember Traci Park - councilmember.park@lacity.org Arus Grigoryan - arus.grigoryan@lacity.org CD12 - 213 473 7012 Councilmember John Lee - councilmember.lee@lacity.org Josh Yeager - josh.yeager@lacity.org CD13 - 213 207 3015 Councilmember Hugo Soto-Martinez - councilmember.soto-martinez@lacity.org Lisa Caprino - Lisa.Caprino@lacity.org CD14 - 213 473 7014 Councilmember Ysabel J. Jurado - councilmember.jurado@lacity.org CD15 - 323 568 2083 Councilmember Tim McOsker - councilmember.mcosker@lacity.org Anissa Raja - anissa.raja@lacity.org RE: PLEASE WAIVE ALL PLANNING, BUILDING AND RELATED PERMIT FEES FOR FIRE REBUILDS IN PACIFIC PALISADES November 29, 2025 Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers Eunisses Hernandez, Adrin Nazarian, Bob Blumenfield, Nithya Raman, Katy Yaroslavsky, Imelda Padilla, Monica Rodriguez, Marqueece Harris-Dawson, Curren D. Price Jr., Heather Hutt, Traci Park, John Lee, Hugo Soto-Martinez, Ysabel J. Jurado, Tim McOsker: Dear Los Angeles City Councilmembers: I am writing to implore you to vote to ensure that all planning and building and related permit fees for the City of Los Angeles are waived for all rebuilds of homes destroyed in the Palisades Fire. This issue is of critical importance. Most of us are uninsured or at minimum underinsured and cannot afford rebuilding permit fees on top of the cost to rebuild. This fire was no fault of our own. Requiring property owners who lost their homes to wildfires, to pay fees to the city to rebuild their homes adds insult to injury. Moreover, there is plenty of precedent in California for waiving these fees in response to natural disasters, including fires: In 1994, in response to the Northridge Earthquake, the Los Angeles City Council waived all plan-check and permit fees for repairing, demolishing, or rebuilding structures damaged or destroyed in the disaster. https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/los_angeles/latest/lamc/0-0-0-190107 In 2018, in response to the Woolsey Fire, the City of Malibu waived planning and building permit fees for properties destroyed in the disaster. <https://www.malibucity.org/DocumentCenter/View/24698/Fee-Waiver-FAQ>. The deadlines for these waivers have been extended. <https://www.malibucity.org/958/Fee-Waiver-Deadlines>. In 2020, in response to the Glass Fire in Northern California, the City of Santa Rosa waived planning and other permit fees. <https://www.srcity.org/2674/Resilient-City-Zoning> In 2021, in response to the Dixie Fire in Northern California in 2021, Nevada County waived planning and building permit fees for properties destroyed in the disaster. <https://yubanet.com/regional/nevada-county-provides-priority-permitting-and-fee-waiver-for-winter-storm-damage/> We are prepared to invest in our city's future, but we cannot move forward until we know that all rebuilding related permit fees have been waived, not simply deferred. Sincerely, Rebecca Lobl Permanent Address: 514 Muskingum Ave, Pacific Palisades, CA 90272 Temporary Address: 137 South Westgate Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90049 Cell Phone: 310 710 3220 cc: Circling the News, editor@circlingthenews.com

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RE: PLEASE WAIVE ALL PLANNING, BUILDING AND RELATED PERMIT FEES FOR FIRE REBUILDS IN PACIFIC PALISADES

November 29, 2025

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Communication from Public

Name: Sheila Walker

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:05 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: Dear Council President and Honorable Council members, I am a homeowner who lost my home at 645 Las Lomas Ave in the Palisades fire. Our house, everything we owned, and all of our family memories are gone. What we have now is simply a burned, empty lot. Like many others, we did not receive enough money from insurance to cover the full cost of rebuilding. We are already struggling just to figure out how we can ever return home. The additional cost of plan check and permit fees is a serious financial burden. Without these fees being waived, we may simply not be able to rebuild at all. We strongly support the Mayor's bill to waive plan and permit fees for fire victims, and we urgently ask you to approve it. Please ensure that the waiver applies to all homes being rebuilt, including:

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Sheila Walker Former homeowner at 645 Las Lomas Ave, Pac Palisades, CA 90272 Phone: 310-729-0217 Email: Sheila@Travelology.com

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:09 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My mother lost her home in the Palisades fire - this was going to be her forever home. 11 months later, we are still in a state of shock and just starting to comprehend how much was lost. My mother and her neighbors are now upon the first holiday season without treasured keepsakes and celebrating in places that don't feel like home. And while my mom was fortunate enough to have insurance, the payment is no where near enough to cover the actual rebuilding costs. She is retired and has some savings, but it will not be enough to cover the shortfall between the actual rebuild costs and what she received from her insurance company. For her and for many of the fire victims, every dollar counts. They are only trying to get back to their homes and neighborhoods and move forward from this tragedy. Please vote yes to waive plan and permit fees for all Palisades fire victims. Thank you.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:22 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: It is highly important that permit fees are waived for the Palisades residents, which should include all types of building permits. Please waive all building permit fees so we can get back to our community!

Communication from Public

Name: Carol Dituri
Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:27 PM
Council File No: 25-0006-S57
Comments for Public Posting: As a victim of a "natural disaster" that destroyed our home of 40 years, we are rebuilding out of necessity and under duress. Charging permit fees in this situation adds insult to injury.

Communication from Public

Name: Omid

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:31 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: For a wildfire that is a world-record breaking event -- and was globally visible by all nations -- it should not be considered, but rather the norm, that all permit fees are to be revoked for the reconstruction of the region affected by the wildfire. If an earthquake were to level the entire city of Los Angeles, permit fees would be revoked for a period of time to aid in the reconstruction process. A wildfire leveled an entire city, then by similar logic, all permit fees should be revoked for a window of time. Regardless of who is doing the reconstruction -- either the owner, a builder, a new buyer, an investor, etc. All permits should be removed to allow the city to reconstruct itself and heal and allow all those willing to participate in the reconstruction to participate in the healing process. If permit fees hinder the city's reconstruction, then what function are the permit fees really serving? If the permit fees are resolving a financial need that the city has, then the question is: who is serving who. Are the victims of the wildfire serving the city financially, or is the city serving its residents?

Communication from Public

Name: Jane S Permaul

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:35 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: WAIVER of PERMIT FEES will help the speed of the recovery and will re-enrich the city in more ways than increase property and sales tax revenue. Sadly the Palisades Fire of January 7 HAPPENED with at least 6000 families displaced and struggling to move forward having everything in their entire lives LOST and much can never be replaced. But, many of us are determined to rebuild whether back in the Palisades. Regardless of how much we have in fire insurance, we need all the financial help we can get. One of such assistance is the waiver of permit fees. And, not surprising, all other cities and public agencies have waved such fees due to other fires. We know that the City is in financial strait. But, please recognize that the residents of the Palisades have consistently contributed disproportionately to the city in terms of property and sales taxes, plus direct local contributions to the fire stations and security, supplementing support from the city and county. The sooner you help us get back on our feet, the sooner you will begin to enjoy our support as in the past. Further, the millions of dollars you have spent on consultants have yield basically NOTHING and yet you are seriously consider more of the same. Please consider redirecting those expenses to support the fee waiver of the rebuilding permits. There are enough local resources, UCLA, USC, Pepperdine and many other universities nearby have expertise knowledge, not to mention among the survivors of the fire as consultants in rebuilding the Palisades. Thank you for consideration of my comments and a special thanks to Council Woman Traci Park.

Communication from Public

Name:

Date Submitted: 11/29/2025 02:52 PM

Council File No: 25-0006-S57

Comments for Public Posting: My house in the Palisades is destroyed. It was 1750 sq ft where others are twice or more that size. I am close to 89 years old and have lived in it for 56 years. I would like to add to it so that I can get full time care that I anticipate for the future. I can afford the additional space but I'm preclude to do so without selling my house and buying a similar property without negative impacts. Waiving the permit fee requested.